

gelistic work, and also one to provide funds for missionary work, but just the day before the time to go, a deep cold compelled me to stay at home. This I certainly am sorry for, as I had promised faithfully to be there. I trust that the convention will be a success, and that it will provide for preaching to members in isolated places.

A great many of our brethren at this place in Va., are in a lukewarm state, and I believe much of it is due to an insufficient amount of ministration. Of course some will be nothing but lukewarm under any circumstances, but there are brethren who desire, and are endeavoring to have ministerial aid, yet it seems their desires are not satisfied. Brethren who are desirous of having the scriptures expounded, will go to other churches to hear this done in case they can not have it done by their own clergy, and consequently will in time fall into the ranks of other churches, and the good work that was so grandly begun, may in time be torn to pieces from the want of insufficient ministerial help.

Bro. J. B. Lair's Olathe letter in the EVANGELIST would be a good missionary document to be put into the hands of persons who seem to claim a patent on the scriptures and their expounding. Bro. J. H. Worst's in the same No. would be suitable for the same purpose.

The A. M. of the German Baptists for 1889, will be held at Harrisonburg, Va. Harrisonburg was selected in preference to Stanton because the former is a place where no intoxicants are sold. This speaks well for the committee who hinged their decision on this point.

G. A. Copp.

#### Montevideo, Va.

On Saturday, May 5th, 1888, I wended my way to Bro. Wm. H. Faibley's, and commenced a series of meetings at the school house near there, known as Hedrick's school house.

I continued the meetings up to the night of the 16th, preaching nine sermons during this time. Lost several nights, owing to inclement weather. The attendance and attention was good. The interest manifested was encouraging, owing to the fact that there are so many different denominations in that vicinity, making it a very hard place for revival work. Notwithstanding these hindrances in the way, I labored faithfully, and with the help of the brethren and sisters we worked up quite a good interest. The result of our labors were two additions by baptism, and much seed sown which we think will develop itself in the near future, partly at least.

This is the first revival work for me. I feel that our labors have been blessed. The brethren at this place contemplate building a union church as they are not strong enough to build a Brethren church. They need a church house very much, the school house is a very hard house to speak in. Our communion was very well attended, about 110 communicants. Our energetic Bro. James A. Begoon with the help of others shouldered the burden and made the necessary arrangements and enclosed the grave yard at the Mt. Olive Brethren church. We are somewhat isolated from the gen-

eral brotherhood, and we ask an interest in the prayers of all the faithful that we may continue to work for the upbuilding of the church and the cause of Christ and the salvation of precious souls.

J. F. KOONTZ.

#### College of St. James, Md.

Our state convention closed last night with communion. I think it was a grand success; but I will say but little about it as our secretary will give a full report through the EVANGELIST.

We have received two more into the church since last report. One by baptism and one from the German Baptists. Others are near the kingdom.

We made a boom for the College conditionally. Bro. McFaden was heartily in favor of accepting the College and to pay for it, if it can be proven that it will be ours when it is paid for. Bro. McFaden thought the College question was about as hard to understand as the 11th chapter of 1 Cor., on the covering.

But we conditionally subscribed five hundred and ten dollars on the \$1.00 a year plan, and Maryland and Virginia I think will subscribe one thousand more upon that plan as soon as we satisfy them in regard to the title. I am satisfied there could be 20 thousand dollars raised as easy as not, if the College can be made safe providing we pay it. There seems to have been some careless work done in regard to the College somewhere. It was said to be on safe ground some two or three times and some of us paid money and the first thing we knew the College was about to go out of our hands. Now please give us a clear explanation that we can depend on, and the College will be paid for.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

May 23, 1888.

#### Dayton, Ohio.

Sunday, May 13th, at 3 p. m., brother P. J. Brown preached for us in the Christian church on Broadway. After services we resorted to the waterside where brother Brown baptized seven dear ones. After a short confirmation service and the laying on of hands, these and sister Susie Protsman, who united with us by relation, were relieved. The Lord bless these young members, give them grace to bear the cross and perseverance to win the crown. This is the sum total of our increase since the German Baptists bought us out nearly a year ago. But the Lord has done more than this for us. Since our organization in 1882, through the blessing of God, there were relieved into the Dayton City Brethren Church, 32 members by baptism, 5 by relation and 7 by letter—besides how many times have we received temporal and spiritual blessings and renewals of the Holy Ghost. Surely for all these things we feel to thank God and take courage.

Many thanks to Bro. Brown and Bro. Mason for their labor of love.

With sorrow and sympathy for the bereaved family do I announce the sudden death of our esteemed friend and neighbor, John Woodman, husband of sister Kate Woodman. Brother Mason will preach his funeral sermon at Hawker's (Reformed) church where his remains will be

interred next Sunday forenoon. The Lord comfort and sustain the bereaved family.

S. KIEHL.

Dayton, Ohio, May 18, 1888.

#### Fair Haven, Ohio.

Our regular business meeting will be on the 26th of this month, commencing at one o'clock p. m. The brethren at this place have bought a new organ, and have money enough pledged to pay for it, besides giving financial aid to their pastor. Since the brethren have commenced to help to carry the pastor's burden, the cause seems to prosper better. Four applicants were baptized Sunday evening. They were confirmed the same evening in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. Our Sunday School is in a prosperous condition with brethren M. B. Painter and B. F. Swinehart at the head. I was greeted with a large congregation at my new appointment at the Fair View church on the Cleveland road. Preaching there again the 27th of May.

WM. KIEFER.

This article was intended for last week.

#### Carleton, Neb.

We report to you two more accessions by baptism here and six at Davenport, eight miles west of this place. Bro. DeBolt, our pastor has just closed a one week's meeting on sermons preached on the doctrine of the Brethren church. Our meetings were necessarily placed in the busiest season of the year and the congregations were not large. However the interest was good throughout and our members were much strengthened in the faith. We anticipate holding communion services ere very long, when we will do the commands as they were handed to us. We anticipate having Bro. E. L. Yoder and wife with us at our love feast, and we know we will have an enjoyable time.

H. M. LICHTY.

#### Elkhart, Ind.

The world, the flesh and the devil is now opposing us on every side. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, faith, repentance and baptism is the order of the church at Dunlaps, under the efficient administration of our beloved Bro. Pliny Irwin. Bro. Irwin preaches once a month at the Elkhart County Asylum for the poor, with good results. So you see the poor have the gospel preached to them, as of old.

N. A. FRAME.

#### St. James, Md.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God to remove from time our esteemed Bro., Elder James Quinter, a man of eminent ability and usefulness, and endowed with those Christian graces necessary to a life of holiness, therefore,

1st. *Resolved*, That we, the Brethren church in Convention assembled at St. James, Md., extend to the family and friends of the deceased our hearty condolence in this, their bereavement.

2nd. *Resolved*, That we extend to the church of which he was such an able representative, our sympathies appreciating the extent of their loss, but believing it to be his eternal gain.

3rd. *Resolved*, That we send a

copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family, and also to the EVANGELIST and Gospel Messenger for publication.

LAURA E. N. GROSSECKLE, Sec.

#### Convention Notice.

The S. S. Convention for the State of Ohio will be held this year on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of June. The place of the meeting is Fairview, eight miles south-east of Washington, C. H., on the D. Ft. W. & C. R. R. Delegates and visitors will buy tickets for Fairview station.

A general invitation is extended and every Brethren S. S. in the State is urgently requested to send delegates to the convention. Ample accommodations will be provided free for the entertainment of all.

Elect delegates at the next meeting of your S. S. and elect those who will agree to come.

If there are any school which cannot be represented by delegates, they should not neglect to report by letter; but in almost every case delegates can be sent if a proper effort is made. Let every one, whether a delegate or not, who wishes to see a beautiful country, meet a hospitable people and enjoy a good convention, come to Fairview on the 15th of June. Write to V. E. Wampler, Dayton, Ohio, for R. R. rates.

If your school is represented by letter, send your report to J. M. Tombaugh, Washington C. H., Ohio.

J. M. T.

#### Echo, Kansas.

Our love feast on the 20th inst., is now past. The weather was all that could be desired and the good conduct and close attention throughout the whole meeting was noticed and commented on by many.

Many were disappointed at and before the meeting commenced by the non-arrival of Bro. E. L. Yoder, as it had been announced that he would be present. On account of the condition of his health he gave up coming but getting better he took a train a day later and reached us after services commenced, but in time to preach for us. He preached two sermons with telling effect. Hope he will remember us and come again when his body is as strong as I believe his spirit is willing. Eight applicants were baptized.

S. W. METSKER.

#### Mulberry, Ind.

The meeting closed at Flora, Ind., with four accessions. The little band at that place has had more than their share of trouble, but hope that the Lord will lead them through and He will if they trust and give the glory to Him. Success is certain, if they unite their forces. Ask God's guidance, then pull together, which I believe they will do.

The brethren at Mt. Pleasant prepared a surprise for us a few Sundays ago. They sent to Joseph Cook and secured some of his "Decoration" letters and nicely decorated the church. It adds fifty per cent to the general appearance of the church. That is right brethren. The more beautiful and homelike you make the church, the more you will draw the people. I would advise others to resort to the same plan to beautify the temple of God both in the house of worship and in the heart. We are moving along with usual alacrity and with growing interest.

Will hold a communion at Edna Mills on the 26th of May and at Flora, Ind., on the 9th of June. All invited. Yours for the right.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

#### Communion Notices.

The Brethren Church at New Enterprise, Bedford Co., Pa., will hold their semi-annual communion, on Sunday evening, June 10th, 1888. Preparatory services at 7 o'clock p. m.

JNO. G. SNIDER, Pastor.

The Brethren of the Mt. Zion church, Hocking Co., O., will hold communion services on Saturday evening, June 9th. Preaching will begin on Thursday evening before. The usual invitation is extend.

J. ALLEN MILLER.

#### OUR CHURCH.

Bro. P. J. Brown visited Ashland the first of the week.

Bro. A. A. Cober's Baccalaureate effort was a master sermon.

Bro. Mason is expected to come up from Dayton to Ashland, this week.

Bro. D. F. Ramsey writes that two more made application for baptism on the 19th.

Bro. J. H. Palmer, of Sidney, is working toward northern Indians in his labors.

Do not forget the Brethren Ohio S. S. convention at Fair View on June 15th.

Sister Ella M. Oaks sends in a list of twelve names for Company B. The children go right to work when they have a general.

Such interest is taken in the College that there would be no trouble to get plenty of help if the prosperity of a few years ago existed.

Sister Bessie Perry left last week for the home of her parents near North Manchester, Ind. She will make Manchester her future home.

Bro. V. E. Wampler went from annual meeting to Kentucky and from there sent in an excellent essay, which will appear by and by.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers now has a little farm to till and we are told that he is working like a trooper and that also, as he does when he is engaged in the Master's work.

We publish an appeal by a little boy this week. It was intended to appear last week, but it happened to be left out. But it will show how anxious some of the little folks are.

The College Corner church, Indiana, is now enjoying a revival season under the efficient labors of the pastor, J. H. Swihart, and they expected to hold a communion the first of this week. There were five accessions when last heard from, and excellent prospects. Bro. Swihart expects to commence a revival effort in Bryan, Ohio, early in June.

Las Vegas would be a splendid place for some energetic minister of our church. It is in great need of missionary work. I am informed that out of a population of nearly 10,000 only 600 are church members, not including the Catholics, of which there are several hundred. Surely there is a great work to do here. I pray God to send more workers into the vineyard.

MARY MOWL.

East Las Vegas, N. M.

A man can never be happy unless his first objects are outside of himself.

Sometimes a noble failure serves the world as faithfully as a distinguished success.

The happiness or unhappiness of old age is often nothing but the extract of a past life.

Men seldom improve when they have no other models than themselves to copy after.

There are impracticable and speculative minds that would pave the cloud instead of the streets.

Every man's life lies in the present, for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain.

The fire fly only shines when on the wing. So it is with the mind, when once we rest we darken.